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SUBJECT: OSMAN OREK NEW TFSC "PRIME MINISTER"

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1. TFSC "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH NAMED OSMAN OREK, PRESIDENT
OF TFSC ASSEMBLY, AS NEW PRIME MINISTER APRIL 18. OREK'S
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DESIGNATION AS PRIMIN RESULTED FROM PRIMIN KONUK'S
APRIL 11 DECISION TO REQUEST RELIEF FROM RESPONSIBILITY
OF FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT (REFTEL).

2. OREK TOLD REPORTERS HE HOPED TO ANNOUNCE NEW
CABINET BY APRIL 22 AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH RULING
NATIONAL UNITY PARTY OFFICIALS. OREK ALSO STATED

THAT THERE WOULD BE A CABINET RESHUFFLE WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE NEWCOMERS.

3. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NUP PARTY ASSEMBLY AND PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WILL BE HELD APRIL 19 TO SET A DATE FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS TO SELECT NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS. (KONUK ALSO RESIGNED NUP CHAIRMANSHIP AND DENKTASH'S SON RAIF APRIL 14 RESIGNED AS DEPSEC GEN.)

4. BRIEF BIOSKETCH OF OREK FOLLOWS: BORN IN NICOSIA DEC. 26, 1925. GRADUATE ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY AND LONDON MIDDLE TEMPLE. LAW PRACTICE IN NICOSIA 1952 - 59. PARTICIPATED 1959 LONDON AND ZURICH CONFERENCES. ELECTED TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1960 AND APPOINTED GOC MINISTER OF DEFENSE. IN 1967, AFTER TURKISH CYPRIOT WITHDRAWAL FROM GOC, PLACED IN CHARGE OF INTERNAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION. SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. ELECTED TO THE TFSC ASSEMBLY IN 1976 AND NAMED PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY. OREK IS MARRIED, HAS TWO CHILDREN, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND GREEK. STONE

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